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S/S: MR. MOFFAT

TREAS: LBOWDEN

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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REFTELS A AND B AND HAVE DISCUSSED THE
MATTER WITH TREASURY REPRESENTATIVES.

2. TREASURY HAS PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING CHRONOLOGY
OF EXCHANGES RELATIVE TO VISIT BY HEW TEAM. REF C NOTIFIED
EMBASSY OF PROPOSED VISIT. THE HEW TEAM VISIT WAS ALSO
DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS DURING BOWDEN TEAM VISIT.
REF D STATED THAT THE SAUDIS EXPECTED THE EVALUATION TEAM
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DURING FIRST WEEK OF MAY AND ASKED WASHINGTON TO ADVISE

EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY OF ANY SCHEDULING PREFERENCES. TWO DAYS LATER (ON APRIL 23) WE RESPONDED BY REF 3, PROVIDED THE REQUESTED SCHEDULING PREFERENCES, AND STATED THAT TEAM PLANNED TO ARRIVE RIYADH MAY 14. AT THIS POINT THE EMBASSY COULD HAVE MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THE TEAM IN RIYADH BEGINNING MAY 14. IT WAS NOT UNTIL ALMOST TWO WEEKS LATER THAT EMBASSY RESPONDED BY REF F RECOMMENDING THAT TEAM POSTPONE ARRIVAL UNTIL MAY 17. AS INDICATED IN REF G, IT WAS AT THAT POINT VERY LATE IN THE GAME TO TRY TO MODIFY THE SCHEDULE FOR FIVE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS AND ONE HEW OFFICIAL, TRAVEL PLANS FOR ALL SIX, AND MEETINGS WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED IN PARIS. REFTLE INDICATED THAT TEAM WOULD FLY DIRECTLY TO RIYADH.

3. TREASURY STAFF MEMBER DISCUSSED REFTEL H WITH DR. KHAN IN PARIS BY TELEPHONE ON MAY 12 AND ADVISED HIM UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES NOT TO PROCEED TO SAUDI ARABIA.

4. REGRET MIXTUP AND AGREE WE MUST ALL DO OUR BEST TO AVOID RECURRENCE.

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